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TOPIC Training of Hungarian Soldiers with Soviet Weapons

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1. [REDACTED] covering the time up to 17 January 1949, the following Soviet weapons were delivered to the Hungarian Army:

Rifles
Pistols
Submachine guns with drum magazine
Light machine guns
Heavy machine guns of type "Maksim"
Mortars of 82 and 120 mm caliber without sighting mechanism
Antitank guns of 76.2 mm caliber
Howitzers of 100 mm caliber without prime movers
"T 34" tanks and small armored vehicles.

Most of the weapons were new but of an old type.

2. A one-month training course for about five hundred regular officers and five hundred regular NCOs of all military units and offices was held at the Kossuth Academy in the late fall of 1948. The personnel were trained as instructors in the handling of the mentioned Soviet weapons. A corresponding training course for members of the air force was held in MATYASFOELD (248/H 62).
3. The students of the Kossuth Academy training course were divided into training groups specializing in the following weapons:

Light infantry weapons
Heavy machine guns
Light mortars of 82 mm caliber
Medium mortars of 120 mm caliber
Artillery pieces
Tanks
Antitank guns.

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b. After completing the course the training group for light mortars went through a firing practice of three or four days in VARPALOTA (P 48/D 89).

c. The students returned to their former units or were transferred to training units in VARPALOTA and BILISCHABA (P 48/H 34).

d. The training course was supervised by Genmajor Kalman REVAY. Col. Istvan OTTA conducted the political training.

4. a. In November 1948 the Training Section of the Ministry of National Defense issued an order for the advanced military training of officers and NCOs, itemized as to infantry, artillery, border guards, training units and recruiting offices. According to the order, the personnel of the recruiting offices had to acquire knowledge of Soviet weapons and new Soviet combat doctrines and to spread the Communist ideology.

b. Personnel of the recruiting offices in the PECS (Y 5/B 22) MD were trained once a week in accordance with the mentioned order, starting in December 1948.

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☐ Comment:

In view of the first large-scale shipments of Soviet materiel delivered to Hungary in the summer of 1948, the information on the training with Soviet weapons seems credible. **

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